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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 15, 2000, Applicants submit herewith a Continuing Prosecution Application under 1.53(d) and submit the following amendments and remarks. The 3 month shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action was set to expire on June 15, 2000. A Petition for Extension of Time for the period of one month, along with the requisite fee accompany this submission. The extension period was,